

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1743 - SB 2017

April 1, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires hospitals to notify uninsured patients on its policies regarding financial assistance and to have guidelines which clearly state the eligibility criteria and process used to determine patient eligibility for such. Requires patients who are seeking assistance to provide the hospital with the necessary information for the hospital to determine the types of assistance for which the patient might be eligible.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will not have a significant increase in expenditures to verify compliance and modify hospital regulations.
- The Department of Human Services currently has staff housed in many of the hospitals across the state to accept and process applications for TennCare. Also, some hospitals contract with private agencies to ensure that uninsured patients are made aware of and apply for government programs.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director